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EAST ASIA BRIEF 194-754

1. SOUTH KOREA - JAPAN: SEOUL IS FINALLY MOVING TO RESOLVE THE CASE OF FORMER OPPOSITION LEADER AND PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE KIM TAE-CHUNG, APPARENTLY IN A MANNER THAT WILL NOT DISRUPT RELATIONS WITH JAPAN.4

KIDNAPED FROM JAPAN IN 1973 BY THE SOUTH KOREAN CIA, KIM WAS SENTENCED LAST FRIDAY TO ONE YEAR IN PRISON FOR ALLEGED CAMPAIGN VIOLATIONS IN THE 1967 AND 1971 ELECTIONS. AS YET, HOWEVER, KIM HAS NOT BEEN TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, AND HIS LAWYERS HAVE BEGUN AN APPEAL.4

THE KIM CASE WAS A MAJOR IRRITANT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TOKYO AND SEOUL UNTIL EARLIER THIS YEAR, [REDACTED]

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4 TOKYO, FOR ITS PART, IS TAKING A WAIT-AND-SEE ATTITUDE.
 3 THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS SO FAR WITHHELD A CRITICAL STATEMENT.
 2 THE JAPANESE PRESS AND OPPOSITION PARTIES INITIALLY
 1 CRITICIZED THE MIKI GOVERNMENT FOR "CONDONING" KIM'S

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SENTENCING, BUT HAVE BECOME SILENT OVER THE PAST DAY OR SO
 AS THEY TOO WAIT FOR PAK'S NEXT MOVE.4

THE PAK REGIME CLEARLY IS MORE WORRIED ABOUT FOREIGN
 THAN DOMESTIC REACTION. INDEED, SOUTH KOREAN COURTS RECENTLY
 HANDED DOWN HARSH SENTENCES TO STUDENT LEADERS CHARGED WITH
 VIOLATING DECREES THAT SEVERELY CURTAIL THE RIGHT TO DISSENT.

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WESTERN HEMISPHERE BRIEF 1974-75.4

GUATEMALA: A MINUSCULE LEFTIST TERRORIST GROUP, KNOWN AS THE GUERRILLA ARMY OF THE POOR, HAS CLAIMED CREDIT FOR KILLING A RIGHT-WING CONGRESSMAN ON DECEMBER 12 TOGETHER WITH HIS BODYGUARD AND CHAUFFEUR. 4

THE KILLING WAS THE FIRST POLITICAL MURDER OF ANY PROMINENT PERSON CLAIMED BY LEFTIST GUERRILLAS SINCE PRESIDENT LAUGERUD TOOK OFFICE IN JULY 1974. THE VICTIM WAS JORGE BERNAL HERNANDEZ, THE CONGRESSIONAL LEADER OF THE NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENT, PART OF THE GOVERNING COALITION. HERNANDEZ, A MAN WHO HAD ENEMIES ACROSS THE ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM, HAD A CHECKERED POLITICAL CAREER THAT MAY HAVE DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTED TO HIS DEATH. HE WAS A LEFT-WING GUERRILLA HIMSELF IN THE EARLY 1960S. CAPTURED BY THE ARMY IN 1967, HE DEJECTED FROM THE GUERRILLA RANKS AND WENT ON TO BECOME FORMER PRESIDENT ARANA'S PERSONAL BODYGUARD. ARANA CHOSE HIM TO RUN FOR CONGRESS IN 1974. HERNANDEZ WAS REPUTED TO BE VICE PRESIDENT SANDOVAL'S HENCHMAN IN CARRYING OUT ACTS OF GOVERNMENT VIOLENCE IN THE EARLY 1970S.4

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LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE GUERRILLA ARMY OF THE POOR OTHER THAN THAT IS PROBABLY HAS NO MORE THAN 15 TO 30 MEMBERS. IT MAY BE IDENTICAL TO A GROUP THAT SPLIT AWAY FROM THE REBEL ARMED FORCES IN MID-1973. ACCORDING TO MESSAGES IT HAS OCCASIONALLY SENT TO NEWS-PAPERS, THE GROUP SAYS IT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR MANY KIDNAPINGS, ATTACKS, AND KILLINGS OF LANDOWNERS AND BUSINESSMEN IN THE COUNTRY'S INTERIOR. IN LATE NOVEMBER ITS MEMBERS CLAIMED THEY HAD KILLED 19 MILITARY COMMISSIONERS, CIVILIANS AUTHORIZED BY THE MILITARY TO CARRY WEAPONS AND ASSIST IN LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT, IN THE EASTERN DEPARTMENT OF CHIQUIMULA, HERNANDEZ' HOME DISTRICT. MILITARY COMMISSIONERS HAVE BEEN NOTORIOUS FOR THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN POLITICAL MURDERS.

THE KILLING WILL TEST THE LAINGERUD GOVERNMENT'S EFFORTS TO DECREASE ITS OWN USE OF VIOLENCE TO ELIMINATE OPPONENTS. SINCE THE FIRST OF THE YEAR POLITICAL VIOLENCE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND THE LEFT HAS LESSENERD NOTICEABLY, BUT THE HERNANDEZ MURDER COULD SET OFF A NEW CYCLE OF TERROR AND COUNTER-TERROR. (CONFIDENTIAL) E-2 IMPDET.

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MIDDLE EAST AFRICA BRIEF 194-75.4

1. LEBANON: PRIME MINISTER KARAMI'S STATEMENT ON TUESDAY THAT HE HAD HEARD OF ISRAELI PLANS TO INVADE LEBANON ON THE PRETEXT OF SAVING LEBANON'S SMALL JEWISH COMMUNITY HAS CAUSED A CONSIDERABLE STIR IN BEIRUT AND OTHER ARAB CAPITALS.4

THE PRIME MINISTER CLAIMED HE HEARD A BROADCAST OVER ISRAELI RADIO EARLY TUESDAY MORNING ANNOUNCING TEL AVIV'S INTENTIONS, BUT ISRAEL QUICKLY DENIED ANY SUCH BROADCAST. KARAMI'S ALLEGATIONS NEVERTHELESS PROMPTED STANDARD WARNINGS FROM CAIRO AGAINST ISRAELI INTERVENTION IN LEBANON.4

LEBANESE LEADERS FREQUENTLY SEEK FOR THEIR OWN POLITICAL REASONS TO PORTRAY TEL AVIV AS POSING A MAJOR THREAT TO LEBANESE UNITY AND AS BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR LEBANON'S INTERNAL PROBLEMS. THEY MAY, HOWEVER, BE GENUINELY WORRIED ABOUT POSSIBLE ISRAELI ACTION IN THE WAKE OF TEL AVIV'S RECENT AIR ATTACKS ON PALESTINIAN CAMPS IN LEBANON.4

THE FIGHTING IN BEIRUT HAS DROPPED OFF CONSIDERABLY AS THE LATEST CEASE-FIRE IS SLOWLY BEING IMPLEMENTED. THE PRESENCE

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OF SECURITY FORCES IN THE HOTEL DISTRICT HAS HELPED QUIET THE
 DOWNTOWN AREA, ALTHOUGH MUSLIM LEFTISTS AND CHRISTIAN PHALANGISTS
 COULD EASILY RETAKE THEIR RESPECTIVE STRONGHOLDS. SCATTERED
 FIGHTING THROUGHOUT THE SUBURBS CONTINUES, BUT IN GENERAL THE
 SITUATION HAS IMPROVED ENOUGH TO ALLOW LEBANESE LEADERS TO FOCUS
 ON POLITICAL SOLUTIONS TO THE DISPUTE.4

THE SEVERITY OF THE RECENT FLARE-UP APPARENTLY HAS PROMPTED
 A MORE CONCILIATORY ATTITUDE AMONG PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
 PRIME MINISTER KARAMI AND
 PRESIDENT FRANJIYAH HAVE BEEN WORKING TOGETHER MORE
 CONSTRUCTIVELY. INTERIOR MINISTER SHAMUN, THE STRONGEST CHRISTIAN
 IN THE CABINET, IS REPORTED TO HAVE REACHED AT LEAST A TEMPORARY
 RECONCILIATION WITH KARAMI OVER THE WEEKEND. SHAMUN WAS SCHEDULED
 TO MEET WITH PALESTINIAN LEADER YASIR ARAFAT ■■■■■■ ON TUESDAY.4

4 THIS COOPERATION WILL HELP KARAMI IN HIS EFFORTS TO EXPAND
 3 THE CABINET, WHICH HAS ONCE AGAIN BECOME HIS TOP PRIORITY.
 2 LEFTIST LEADER JUMBLATT--WHOSE REPRESENTATION IN A NEW
 1 GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERED ESSENTIAL--RETURNED FROM HIS TRIP

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TO DAMASCUS EARLY THIS WEEK PREPARED TO CONSIDER JOINING
 THE GOVERNMENT WITHOUT HIS USUAL SET OF PRECONDITIONS,

[REDACTED] THE SYRIANS
 THREATENED TO STRIP JUMBLATT OF HIS PRIMARY SUPPORT AMONG
 LEBANESE LEFTISTS IF HE DID NOT "SHAPE UP."

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SYRIAN EFFORTS OVER THE PAST TWO WEEKS TO MEDIATE AMONG
 MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS ARE GENERALLY BEING CREDITED FOR
 HAVING SMOOTHED THE WAY FOR THE LATEST CEASE-FIRE AND THE
 RENEWED POLITICAL TALKS. PRIOR TO THE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING LAST
 WEEK, PHALANGES PARTY LEADER JUMAYYIL MET WITH PRESIDENT ASAD
 AND HAD AT THAT TIME EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE.

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2. ANGOLA: AN OFFICIAL NATIONAL UNION FOR THE TOTAL INDEPENDENCE
 OF ANGOLA COMMUNIQUE ISSUED MONDAY STATED THAT ITS FORCES ARE NOW
 MOVING TOWARD QUIBALA, ABOUT 180 MILES SOUTHEAST OF LUANDA. 4

AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN LUANDA ON TUESDAY, THE POPULAR
 MOVEMENT EXHIBITED FOUR SOUTH AFRICAN SOLDIERS CAPTURED DURING
 THE FIGHTING. PUBLICITY ABOUT SOUTH AFRICAN

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IS SERIOUSLY DAMAGING THE NATIONALIST CREDENTIALS OF THE TWO GROUPS; IT HAS ALREADY PROMPTED NIGERIA'S AND TANZANIA'S RECOGNITION OF THE LUANDA REGIME AND IS CLEARLY CAUSING OTHER AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS THAT HAVE HELD OFF TO WAVER. THE POPULAR MOVEMENT, AND ITS BACKERS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO FOCUS AS MUCH ATTENTION AS POSSIBLE ON SOUTH AFRICA'S INVOLVEMENT.

MEANWHILE, THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY'S TIMETABLE FOR ITS EMERGENCY SUMMIT ON ANGOLA IS NOW UNCERTAIN. AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED BY OAU OFFICIALS, THE SUMMIT WAS TO HAVE BEEN PRECEDED BY A PRELIMINARY PLANNING SESSION OF FOREIGN MINISTERS IN ADDIS ABABA FROM DECEMBER 19 TO 21.

OAU MEMBER STATES HAVE NOW AGREED, LARGELY AT THE BEHEST OF THE STATES THAT SUPPORT THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S REGIME, TO HOLD THE TWO MEETINGS IN SUCCESSION BUT HAVE NOT YET AGREED ON TIMING. UNLESS THEY RESOLVE THE ISSUE SOON, NO MEETINGS ARE LIKELY TO BE HELD UNTIL AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

ON MONDAY, SUDAN BECAME THE 14TH AFRICAN COUNTRY AND 30TH

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WORLDWIDE TO RECOGNIZE THE POPULAR MOVEMENT'S REGIME. {CONFIDENTIAL}

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EUROPEAN BRIEF 194-75.4

1. SPAIN: THE STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT ISSUED ON MONDAY EMPHASIZES ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL WELFARE AND ORDERLY POLITICAL REFORMS. THE STATEMENT IS FORWARD LOOKING, BUT ITS BROAD GENERALITIES AND LACK OF ANY TIMETABLE WILL DISAPPOINT THE LEFT, WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO TRY TO ORGANIZE STRIKES AND PROTEST DEMONSTRATIONS TO BRING PRESSURE ON THE GOVERNMENT.4

THE STATEMENT, ISSUED FOLLOWING A CABINET MEETING PRESIDED OVER BY KING JUAN CARLOS, DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT'S COMMITMENT TO ACT IMPLIES CONSTANT IMPROVEMENT OF THE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM. CONTINUING THE KING'S POLICY OF TAKING EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SOLIDIFY HIS MILITARY SUPPORT, THE GOVERNMENT'S STATEMENT LED OFF WITH PRAISE FOR THE ARMED FORCES AS A PILLAR OF CONSTITUTIONAL ORDER AND A PROMISE TO STRENGTHEN THE SERVICES.4

TURNING NEXT TO ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL GOALS, THE GOVERNMENT SAID IT WOULD WORK TO ASSURE A JOB FOR ALL AND PLEDGED A TRANSFORMATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND CULTURAL STRUCTURES TO

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PROMOTE SOCIAL JUSTICE. THE STATEMENT SAID THESE POLICIES WOULD BE PURSUED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF A MARKET ECONOMY AND NOTED THAT "AUSTERITY AND WORK ARE REQUIRED OF ALL."

IN PROMISING POLITICAL REFORMS, THE STATEMENT GAVE SPECIAL PRIORITY TO EXPANSION OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND RIGHTS--PARTICULARLY THE RIGHT OF ASSOCIATION. WHILE NOTING THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE TO PRESENT A DETAILED PROGRAM, THE GOVERNMENT SEEMED TO POINT TO A REFORM OF THE LEGISLATURE, TO A WIDENING OF SUFFRAGE, TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF POLITICAL PARTIES, AND TO THE ABROGATION OF ANTI-TERRORIST LAWS.

THE STATEMENT CAUTIONED THAT REFORMS PRESUPPOSE POPULAR ACCEPTANCE OF A PROCESS OF EVOLUTION. THIS IS A CLEAR WARNING AGAINST DEMONSTRATIONS AND STRIKES WHICH LEFTISTS HAVE ALREADY STARTED. THE GOVERNMENT ALSO PROMISED TO STRENGTHEN NATIONAL UNITY BY INSTITUTIONAL RECOGNITION OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL AUTONOMY. THIS IS AN EFFORT TO RESPOND TO BASQUE AND CATALAN GRIEVANCES.

IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS, THE GOVERNMENT PROMISED

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2. USSR: INTERNATIONAL ATTENTION TO THE INDONESIAN INVA-
 SION OF PORTUGUESE TIMOR AND SOVIET IDEOLOGICAL PRE-
 TENSIONS HAVE LED MOSCOW TO EDGE CLOSER TO PUBLIC
 CRITICISM OF JAKARTA. THE SOVIETS ARE STILL PULLING
 THEIR PUNCHES, HOWEVER, FOR FEAR OF UPSETTING THEIR
 GRADUALLY IMPROVING RELATIONS WITH INDONESIA.4

THE MOST AUTHORITATIVE STATEMENT THUS FAR OF
 MOSCOW'S VIEWS ON THE INVASION APPEARED IN A PRAVDA
 COMMENTARY BY A. YURYEV ON DECEMBER 12. YURYEV IM-
 PLIES THAT THE SOVIET UNION'S SYMPATHIES REST WITH
 THE LEFTIST-ORIENTED FRETELIN FACTION, BUT HE STOPS
 SHORT OF DIRECTLY CONDEMNING THE INDONESIAN GOVERN-
 MENT'S ACTION. THE COMMENTATOR SIMPLY ATTRIBUTES
 THE MILITARY INVASION TO A "PRO-INDONESIAN" GROUP.
 4 YURYEV SPEAKS OF MOSCOW'S SUPPORT OF TIMOR'S RIGHT
 3 TO SELF DETERMINATION, BUT REFRAINS FROM MAKING ANY
 2 JUDGMENT AS TO WHETHER THE FORMER COLONY SHOULD RE-
 1 MAIN INDEPENDENT OR BE ABSORBED BY INDONESIA.4

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BEEN SET, ACCORDING TO JAPANESE FOREIGN MINISTRY
 OFFICIALS.Y

GROMYKO'S TRIP TO JAPAN HAS BEEN IN THE WORKS
 FOR MANY MONTHS. IT RAN AFOUL OF TOKYO'S EFFORTS
 TO NEGOTIATE A PEACE TREATY WITH CHINA IN WHICH THE
 LATTER PRESSED FOR THE INFAMOUS HEGEMONY CLAUSE.
 WITH THAT TREATY STILL UNSIGNED, GROMYKO MAY HAVE
 FELT A VISIT WAS NECESSARY.Y

HIS TALKS WITH THE JAPANESE WILL BE DIFFICULT.
 THE NORTHERN TERRITORIES ISSUE IS CERTAIN TO BE
 BROUGHT UP, AND GROMYKO WILL NOT HAVE ANYTHING NEW
 TO OFFER. MOSCOW HAS HINTED THAT IT MIGHT CONSIDER
 GIVING BACK TWO OF THE ISLANDS, BUT NO MORE. GROMYKO
 WILL ALSO BE BEARDED BY THE JAPANESE ON THE MEANING
 4 OF A REFERENCE IN HIS ARTICLE IN THE OCTOBER ISSUE
 3 OF KOMMUNIST IMPLYING THAT THE TERRITORIAL ISSUE WAS
 2 SETTLED. THE JAPANESE SAY THAT THIS VIOLATES THE
 1 BREZHNEV-TANAKA UNDERSTANDING THAT THE NORTHERN

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TERRITORIES WERE AN APPROPRIATE SUBJECT OF NEGOTIA-
 TIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. {CONFIDENTIAL}4

4. CZECHOSLOVAKIA-YUGOSLAVIA: WITH THE INK HARDLY DRY ON THE
 JOINT COMMUNIQUE SUMMING UP PREMIER STROUGAL'S VISIT TO BELGRADE, THE
 CZECHOSLOVAK PRESS LAST WEEK ONCE AGAIN INCURRED THE
 WRATH OF THE YUGOSLAVS BECAUSE OF ITS SUBSERVIENCE
 TO MOSCOW.4

ON WEDNESDAY, THE CZECHOSLOVAK PARTY DAILY RUBE
 PRAVO COMMEMORATED THE 1960 AND 1969 MOSCOW CONFERENCES
 OF COMMUNIST PARTIES BY CALLING FOR A NEW WORLD PARTY
 CONCLAVE. THE COMMENTARY GAVE A PASSING NOD TO THE
 INDEPENDENCE OF THE PARTIES, BUT ITS EMPHASIS WAS ON
 "PROLETARIAN INTERNATIONALISM" AND ON MOSCOW'S "IN-
 TERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AS THE VANGUARD OF THE MOVE-
 4 MENT." ON THE DEADLOCKED PREPARATIONS FOR THE EURO-
 3 PEAN PARTY CONFERENCE, RUDE PRAVO CAME DOWN HARD IN
 2 FAVOR OF A "TRULY MILITANT AND COMMUNIST" FINAL DOCU-
 1 MENT. IT ALSO PUSHED THE STRUGGLE AGAINST MAOISM,

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WHICH IT SAID HAS NOW BECOME "AN URGENT COMBAT TASK
FOR THE ENTIRE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT."4

BELGRADE'S PREDICTABLY ANGRY RESPONSE CAME
 QUICKLY. THE YUGOSLAVS REJECTED PRAGUE'S ATTEMPT TO
 REQUIRE ALL PARTIES TO JOIN IN THE ANTI-CHINESE POLEM-
 ICS AND TOOK PARTICULAR EXCEPTION TO ITS CLAIM THAT
 THE DOCUMENTS SIGNED AT THE 1960 AND 1969 CONFERENCES
 --WHICH YUGOSLAVIA DID NOT ATTEND--ARE STILL VALID.
 THE PARTY ORGAN BORBA POINTED OUT WITH SOME ASPERITY
 THAT BELGRADE CONSIDERS PRAGUE'S STATEMENTS ON THESE
 DOCUMENTS AS DIRECT INTERFERENCE IN YUGOSLAV INTERNAL
 AFFAIRS.4

DURING THE STROUGAL VISIT, THE YUGOSLAVS PROB-
 ABLY PRESENTED THE CZECHS A LIST OF THEIR GRIEVANCES
 4 OVER THE CONTENT OF PRAGUE'S PROPAGANDA. SUCH BARBS
 3 MAY CONTINUE TO DELAY THE VISIT OF PRESIDENT TITO,
 2 WHICH THE CZECHOSLOVAK REGIME DESIRES. YUGOSLAV
 1 HANDLING OF THEIR COMPLAINT--BROADCASTING IT TO THE

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SOVIET UNION IN RUSSIAN--INDICATES THAT THEY ALSO
 INTENDED THE MESSAGE TO GET TO PRAGUE'S MENTORS.

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5. HUNGARY-ROMANIA: THE HUNGARIAN REGIME TRIED HARD TO CREATE A
 WARM ATMOSPHERE FOR ROMANIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MACOVESCU'S
 VISIT TO BUDAPEST FROM DECEMBER 8-LL. THE DIFFERING
 VIEWPOINTS OF THE TWO SIDES WERE NONETHELESS EVIDENT.4

IN ADDITION TO HIS FORMAL TALKS WITH HIS HUN-
 GARIAN COUNTERPART, FRIGYES PUJA, MACOVESCU MADE OF-
 FICIAL CALLS ON PRESIDENT LOSONCZI, PREMIER LAZAR,
 AND POLITBURO MEMBER BISZKU, WHO APPARENTLY WAS STAND-
 ING IN FOR THE TRAVELING KADAR. HUNGARIAN MEDIA PROVIDED UNUSUALLY
 FRIENDLY PUBLICITY, WITH SEVERAL EDITORIALS CALLING FOR CLOSER
 ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL TIES WITH BUCHAREST.4

4 [REDACTED] SOURCE HAS SUGGESTED THAT THIS PUBLIC
 3 DISPLAY OF WARMTH IS A RESULT OF A DECISION BY BOTH SIDES THAT
 2 DIFFERENCES OVER THE HUNGARIAN MINORITY IN ROMANIA SHOULD NOT INTERFERE
 1 WITH IMPROVING ECONOMIC TIES OR WITH EFFORTS TO UNDER-

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STAND THE OTHER'S POSITION ON CERTAIN EUROPEAN POLITICAL ISSUES.4

THE COMMUNIQUE, HOWEVER, STATED THAT THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS HAD A "FRANK AND OPEN EXCHANGE OF VIEWS" ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, THUS SUGGESTING THAT DIFFERENCES OVER THE MINORITY ISSUE WERE FREELY AIRED. THE TWO SIDES ALSO "EXCHANGED VIEWS" ON INTERNATIONAL ISSUES, THE COMMUNIQUE STATED, BUT THE HUNGARIANS DID GET THE MAVERICK ROMANIANS TO ACCEPT FAVORABLE MENTION OF THE WARSAW PACT, CEMA, AND "SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM." {CONFIDENTIAL} 4

6. BULGARIA: ALEKSANDUR LILOV, POLITBURO MEMBER AND PARTY SECRETARY FOR IDEOLOGY, HAS RETURNED TO PUBLIC VIEW AFTER AN ABSENCE OF NEARLY FIVE MONTHS.4

4 ACCORDING TO A BULGARIAN NEWSPAPER, LILOV WAS
 3 PRESENT ON DECEMBER 11 WHEN PARTY/STATE LEADER ZHIV-
 2 KOV ADDRESSED A SOFIA MEETING OF THE BULGARIAN
 1 WRITERS UNION. LILOV HAD BEEN ABSENT FROM THE USUAL

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GATHERINGS OF THE BULGARIAN LEADERSHIP SINCE JULY 23
 AND HAS ALSO MISSED NUMEROUS IDEOLOGICAL SESSIONS AT
 WHICH HE WOULD NORMALLY OFFICIATE.4

LILOV IS APPARENTLY NOT IN POLITICAL TROUBLE.
 YOUNG AND HIGHLY REGARDED, HE HAS BEEN A PRIMARY
 ARCHITECT OF THE "IDEOLOGICAL OFFENSIVE" THAT IS BUL-
 GARIA'S RESPONSE TO DETENTE WITH THE WEST. THIS
 HARD-LINE POLICY CONTINUES, AND THE PRESS ON SEVERAL
 OCCASIONS OVER THE LAST FEW MONTHS HAS MENTIONED
 LILOV FAVORABLY. HE IS A CLOSE FRIEND OF ZHIVKOV'S
 DAUGHTER, LYUDMILA, AND SOME RUMORS CLAIM THAT HE
 MAY BE HER THIRD HUSBAND.4

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LILOV IS VERY

SERIOUSLY ILL AND WAS IN THE SOVIET UNION RECEIVING MEDICAL TREATMENT.

4 WE HAVE NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE NATURE OF HIS IN-
 3 FIRMITY OR HOW IT WILL AFFECT HIS FUTURE WITHIN THE
 2 LEADERSHIP. {SECRET} E-2, IMPDET.4

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